**November Central Florida Edition**

### What to Plant

**Bedding Plants:** Create a display of fall colors with cool season plants. Some to try are ornamental cabbage, pansy, viola, snapdragon, dianthus, cape daisy, and alyssum. See: [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

**Bulbs:** Many bulbs like to get their start in cool weather. Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and daylily. See: [Bulbs for Florida](#)

**Herbs:** Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs prefer cool, dry weather, including cilantro, parsley, sage, and thyme. See: [Herbs in the Florida Garden](#)

**Vegetables:** Continue planting cool season crops such as beet, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, kale, and lettuce. See: [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

### What to Do

**Perennials:** Divide and replant overgrown perennials and bulbs now so that they establish before the cold weather arrives. See: [Propagation of Landscape Plants](#)

**Fungal disease:** Until May, watch for brown patch and large patch, fungal diseases that cause areas of grass to turn brown. Since treatment is difficult, prevention with proper cultural practices is key. See: [Brown Patch](#)

**Scale on ornamental plants:** Now that temperatures are lower, use horticultural oil sprays to control scale insects. See: [Scale Insects and Mealybugs on Ornamental Plants](#)

**Irrigation:** Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather. Turn off systems and water only if needed. See: [Fertilization and Irrigation Needs of Florida Lawns and Landscapes](#)

**Poinsettias:** Watch for hornworms on poinsettias planted in the landscape. This pest can quickly defoliate the plant; handpick or treat only the area infested. See: [Poinsettias at a Glance](#)

**Fertilize Bermudagrass and Zoysia lawns:** Choose a fertilizer (not a weed & feed) with little or no phosphorus unless a soil test indicates the need or it. A fertilizer with controlled-release nitrogen will give longer lasting results. This is the last fertilization for these lawn types for the year. See: [Bermudagrass for Florida Lawns](#) [Zoysiagrass for Florida Lawns](#)

### What to Do Every Month

- Adjust irrigation based on rainfall.
- Deadhead flowers to encourage new blooms.
- Monitor the garden for insects and disease.
- Plant trees, shrubs, and perennials and water until established.
- **Mow lawns** at recommended heights:
  - St. Augustine & Bahia: 3-4”
  - Centipede: 1.5-2.0”
  - Dwarf St. Augustine: 2.5”
  - Zoysiagrass

### UF Resources For Gardeners

- UF/IFAS Publications (EDIS) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/)
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping [http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/)
- Solutions For Your Life [http://solutionsforyourlife.com](http://solutionsforyourlife.com)
- *Gardening in a Minute* Radio Program [http://gardeninginaminute.com](http://gardeninginaminute.com)
- Florida Master Gardener Program [http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/](http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/)
- Living Green [http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/)

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